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Cultural Appreciation Week Brings a Taste of Diversity to Coe Campus



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The Diversity and Inclusion (DI) Collaboration organized multiple events during the past week as a part of its cultural appreciation week celebration. These were organized in an effort to offer Kohawks an opportunity to experience and learn about new cultures from across the globe.

The DI Collaboration is a inter-club group consisting five different student organizations that includes the International Club,

LatinX, Black Self Education Organization (BSEO), Multi-Cultural Fusion and the Asian American Club. It has been a tradition of these student organizations in the DI Collaboration to have this inter-club event in Spring Semester for the past three years.

As a part of the Cultural Appreciation Week for 2019, the Coe College international Club organized 'Language Night' on Monday evening at the Intercultural Centre where Kohawks could learn the basics of different languages from students coming from



Kohawks sharing their language during Language Night.

Photo by: Ayam Shrestha

different parts of the world.

"Coe has a very diverse international community and often times when people get into their classes they don't realize they

are learning alongside people who adhere from a entirely different culture, speak a different language and come from a very different place," stated Abhinav Shrestha

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Cedar Rapids Weekly Forecast

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Mostly Sunny	Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	PM Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
21*/18*	25*/12*	19*/7*	19*/12*	22*/12*	22*/12*	11*/5*

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(‘19), president of the Coe College International Club. “Language Night is organized so that people who have a different native language can teach the basics of their language to others in a fun and interesting way. This is especially an amazing opportunity for students who want to go to study abroad or for those who have done study abroad as they can relate to stuff. Language, just like food and clothes and celebrations is culture so also gives people the opportunity to share each other’s culture.”

The languages being taught during Language Night included Spanish, Ngai, Japanese, Vietnamese, Hindi, Italian, Korean, French, Urdu, Nepali, and many more.

“It is amazing how we can find students who speak so many different language in a not so big college like Coe,” said Theo Lefevre, who hails from France. “Through Language Night, we were able to learn the basics of many different languages and I am happy that people

were interested to learn French just as I was trying to learn other languages. I would absolutely do it again.”

Similarly, LatinX organized Bachata Night as a part of the Cultural Appreciation Week, Wednesday evening. Bachata is a form of Latin American dance that originated in the Dominican Republic. The club had an instructor at Coe to teach students the different dance moves associated with this traditional dance style.

“The event is to provide cultural awareness about Latin American Culture to Coe and at the same time share our culture,” said LatinX founder, Larissa Alire (‘20). “Dance is a prominent aspect of Latino culture, and

by sharing it with the rest of campus it will be a fun way to connect with other students on campus. I hope non Latino students will get a better understanding of our culture and want to engage with Latinx in the future.”

Kohawks came to the A/D Lobby to dance, learn about other cultures, and destress together.

“It was a very nice experience to get a taste of culture,” said Sabrina Gallardo, after participating in the Bachata Dancing during the event. “I had been more into freestyle dancing before and Bachata is a completely new experience for me. I found it to be much more structural than what I am used to do.”



Bachata night participants posing for a photo after the event.

Photo by Ayam Shrestha

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Students and Faculty Perform Together In Sinclair



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On Saturday, February 9, Coe Symphony Orchestra and Friends of Music at Coe presented the fourth annual Faculty and Friends of Music Concert. The concert, that took place in Sinclair Auditorium at 7 pm, brought students and faculty together in a unique performance for the community, and was followed by a free reception at the Clark Alumni House.

Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Orchestra Michelle Blair said that she

pushed the school to start this tradition soon after coming to Coe, in fall 2015. She had seen concerts where faculty and students played together in other schools and wanted to see it happen at Coe too.

"It gives us the opportunity to feature our faculty performing alongside our students and combine them together as they work towards one goal," said Dr. Blair. "It's a collaboration compared to our usual teaching."

The program featured three songs: *Tango in D*, a short tango piece by Isaac Albéniz, *Blackbird* a jazz version by Shelly Berg of the

original Beatles song, and *Symphony No. 104* by Haydn. The choice of pieces is usually up to the conductor, but Dr. Blair said that the faculty soloist, who last Saturday was Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Jazz Band Steve Shanley, is always involved in the conversation.

Blackbird was the song that received the most success among the audience. While the original piece by McCartney comprises of just vocal and guitar, Berg's version was a jazz trio. Because of the nature of this concert - a collaboration between students and faculty - Shanley suggested

having two students play the drums and bass. Blackbird therefore featured Shanley as piano soloist, Jeremiah de la Peña at the drumset, and Jonah Prall at the bass.

"For the audience it's interesting

to see us performing a symphony without a conductor," said Dr. Blair. "It's a different experience to see how we communicate and hopefully the audience also enjoys hearing the faculty and see the students rise to the occasion. For students, the value comes down to learning how to be leaders. They get to watch their teachers lead with confidence and they can learn to emulate them. Usually after this concert I always see a boost in students' confidence."

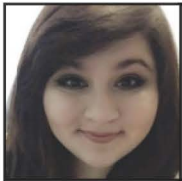
The Symphony Orchestra and faculty will repeat the concert next Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 pm at Kirkwood, in the Ballantyne auditorium. This concert, according to Dr. Blair, will be a way to celebrate the new transfer agreement signed between Coe's Music Department and Kirkwood's Music Program. The concert will be once again free and open to the public.



The Jazz Trio playing during "Blackbird." From left to right: Professor Steve Shanley on piano; Jonah Prall on bass; Jeremiah de la Peña on drumset. Photo provided by Dr. Michelle Blair.

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Birth Control May Soon Be Available Over the Counter



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chief

Non-prescription birth control (behind the counter) could soon be a reality for Iowans. During her last campaign, Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds stated that she supported widespread availability for birth control, as well as expanded resources for family planning.

Behind the counter birth control will be available to any woman so long as she is over the age

of 18, and has completed a health assessment. This assessment would have to be done every two years so that women can continue to purchase birth control behind the counter. The assessment is needed to confirm that the birth control will be effective and safe to use, as well gain useful information for the woman's general health.

This order will be able to give pharmacists the ability to authorize a yearlong supply of a variety of birth control options, all being able to



Photo courtesy of Planned Parenthood

be covered by insurance as if it was issued by a doctor as a prescription.

This proposal is set to hit legislation soon, and if implemented,

there will be a statewide order to handle birth control behind the counter similarly to products that contain pseudoephedrine.

Coe Events

Tues, February 19 (4 pm)

Ann Struthers Student Reading Series, Hickok Hall

Tues, February 19 (6 pm)

Anthropology Program Presents: Three Years of Archaeological Discoveries at the Lechaion Harbor and Settlement Land Project, Greece (Hickok Hall)

Wed, February 20 (3 pm)

7 ± 2 Deadly Sins in Media Violence Research: Dr. Craig Anderson, Hickok Hall (Kesler)

Wednesday, February 20 (7 pm)

Global Warming and Human Violence: Dr. Craig Anderson, Hickok Hall (Kesler)

Thursday, February 21 - Saturday, February 23 (8 am - 9 pm)

Jazz Summit Festival

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Faculty Profile: Ryan Baranowski



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Professor Ryan Baranowski is one of the assistant professors in the Economics program in the Department of Business Administration and Economics. This is his sixth year teaching at Coe, however he has been here a bit longer than that. Baranowski is a Coe College alumni and he graduated in 2008. He even played on the Coe College Baseball team while he was a student. After graduating from Coe, Baranowski went on to get his Phd at University of California-Irvine. "The year I was on the market, the position opened up [at Coe] and I couldn't pass up the opportunity to come back and be apart of the economics program," said Baranowski. "I wanted to give back. The mentoring that I had when I was here really kinda helped push me in direction of the econ Phd and I wanted to do that

with other future Coe students." Currently Baranowski teaches a wide variety of classes within the economics program including, but not

stated, "I wholeheartedly believe in Coe's mission. The student centeredness of what we do and helping students realize the potential they never realized that they had ... I

mentors.

"My main mentor was probably Rick Eichhorn who was at Coe [when I was a student], and still is," said Baranowski.

"He had me do summer research...and I did that for two summers. He called me in and he said I think you have what it takes to get a Phd in economics. He said I think you can pursue a Phd, is that a direction you want to go and I said yeah. [So] he helped me through the process [and] that's when I got into Irvine."

Baranowski's advice to student is to "do as much as you can and do things you think you won't like. Those will end up being some of the most valuable experiences. I went to Sweden, fall Junior semester...I

got to travel throughout Europe when I was over there ... Try and take advantage of all the opportunities that Coe provides."



Professor Ryan Baranowski with his family photo credit Ryan Baranowski

limited to, a current events seminar, Money and Banking, Sports Analytics, and International Finance. When asked why he chose Coe, Baranowski

really enjoy working with the Coe students ... and I currently work with the baseball team on some projects." Like many people Baranowski had a few

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bacteria & baryons beavers



Ariel
Crego
Columnist

Recently, scientists have determined that honeybees can solve simple addition and subtraction problems. While being able to count and distinguish individual numbers is a behavior seen in many animals (frogs, fish, spiders, etc.) being able to relate the idea of a number and solve equations with it has only been seen in higher functioning animals (chimpanzees and African grey parrots).

Honeybees have been the subject of number-oriented research in the past. A study in 2018 determined that honeybees understand what the concept of zero is (a staggering discovery, as it was thought only humans could grasp the concept of nothing) and have the ability to count up to four. A new study this year tested whether the honeybees could perform simple mathematics problems.

Scientists trained 14 honeybees to link the colors blue and yellow as stand-ins for the symbols for addition and subtraction. Blue for addition, yellow for subtraction. These honeybees would then be shown a group of shapes inside simple 'Y' shaped mazes. At the end of each arm of the 'Y' would be one more shape or one less shape than the initial group of shapes at the start of

the maze. Depending on the color of the shapes the bees would need to understand to add a shape or subtract a shape depending on the color.

During testing, the bees scored 63-72 % correctly consistently, which is much higher than what random chance would be. These bees did in fact know how to add and subtract.

While more studies need to be done, the research group that performed this is hopeful that this can help solve problems within quantum computing and artificial intelligence arrays.



A honey bee hard at work. Photo from Wikimedia Commons

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Bremer Cup Win Pushes Men's Tennis to 4-0



Delena
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Sports
Editor

This past Friday, the Kohawk men's tennis team welcomed the Cornell Rams and Division II's Quincy University, advancing their record to 4-0 on the spring season.

Coe started their morning with a victory over Quincy by a dual score of 4-3. These matches were scored by Division II rules, with one team point awarded for each singles match win and one team point given for at least two wins in the doubles matches.

Quincy and Coe split the six matches played. At number one singles, Josh Pudlo ('19) got a

victory, 6-2, 7-5. Nate Ackert ('19) followed with a victory of 7-5, 6-3 at No. 4 singles. Evgeny Pakhomenko ('19) secured a victory at No. 5 singles, 6-1, 6-2.

In order to beat out Quincy, the Kohawks needed to secure at least two victories. The men answered the challenge by sweeping the double brackets to claim the 4-3 dual victory.

The duo of Ackert/Pakhomenko had a 6-1 win at No. 2 doubles. Pudlo/Greiner were victorious at No. 1 doubles, 7-6 and Rami Hemaïdan ('22)/ Bo Wilson ('22) claimed a 7-5 win at No. 3 doubles.

Coe (4-0) welcomed NCAA Division I Missouri-Kansas City to



Stats and photo provided by Coe SID

Clark Racquet Center on Thursday.

Later in the day, the Kohawks took on cross town rivals, the Cornell Rams. The Kohawks recorded wins in all nine matches against the Rams.

Nathan Grenier ('20) secured a victory in the No. 1 singles, followed by a victory from Rami

Hemaïdan at No. 2 singles. Bo Wilson, Ben Hediger ('22), Nathan Meskill ('22), and Will Rizer ('21) all followed with singles victories of their own.

In doubles play, Greiner teamed with Pudlo for an 8-3 win at No. 1 doubles. Hemaïdan/Wilson at No. 2 and Hediger/Jon Lansing ('22) at No. 3 each won their matches by scores of 8-1.

Home Schedule

2/15/19 Friday

10:00 am - Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Day 3 Liberal Arts Championships

2/16/19 Saturday

10:00 am - Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Day 4 Liberal Arts Championships

2:00 pm - Women's Basketball vs Simpson College 4:00 pm - Men's Basketball vs Simpson College

2/19/19 Tuesday

Men's and Women's Basketball ARC quarterfinals vs TBA; time TBA

2/21/19 Thursday

Men's and Women's Basketball ARC Semi-finals vs TBA; time TBA

World Map

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Riots break out again, protesters on Tuesday began calling on president Nicolas Maduro to let humanitarian aid into the economically crippled country. This is following the riots three weeks ago when Guaido claimed Maduro's election was not legitimate.

Protesters refuse to stop in Iran's worst crack down on over a decade. Thousands are still speaking out against Iran's corrupt government, bad economy, and soaring food and oil prices, despite hundreds being arrested and dozens dying of "suspicious circumstances" in prison.



Nearly 100 children have died since the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo started last year. According to Save the Children the crisis is gathering pace, with the number of new cases doubling last month.

The Australian government has lost control of the parliament for the first time in almost a century, losing a major vote on a bill to help evacuate critically ill refugees from offshore processing centers. The ruling Liberal National coalition was firmly opposed to the legislation, which it said would endanger national security, but it passed Australia's lower house by a vote of 75 to 74.

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what's and what's Bandersnatch



Peyton
McGuire
Columnist

A Choose Your Own Adventure movie was not how I thought I'd ring in the New Year, but nevertheless that is how my 2019 began. Black Mirror's "Bandersnatch" is a truly new experience, one that was rife with it's own twists and turns, and even if it isn't the best film on celluloid it is still a hell of a game to play with friends.

Set in the UK in 1984, programmer Stefan Butler (Fionne Whitehead) lives with his

father (Craig Parkinson) while he tries developing a new CYOA game "Bandersnatch", based off of the smash hit novel, for software company Tuckersoft. But as Stefan continually works on his code, he begins to realize that many of the choices he's making are...not his own. Whether he's being influenced by ancient god Pax, a shady corporation called PAC, or even by a being claiming to be from the future watching him through "Netflix", it's the viewer's choice on whether Stefan finds

success or ends up in a downward spiral towards insanity.

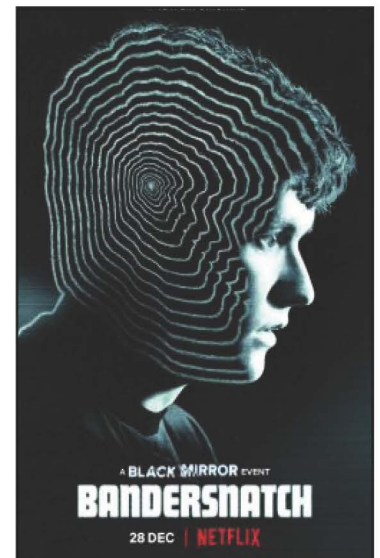
If I revealed more of the plot here, I'd be ruining the game for the rest of you. That's really what "Bandersnatch" is, a game; it's meant to be watched with multiple people and I recommend you do so. To judge it as a movie wouldn't be valid, since the 2 hour film I experienced could be different from the possible five hour film someone else watched. Simply put, I'll just say the acting is phenomenal and the settings/music is superb,

and the multiple endings I anguished through with my friend Jared kept me on the edge of my seat.

My Rating:

You Decide

Rotten Tomatoes: 72 %



Movie poster from Netflix

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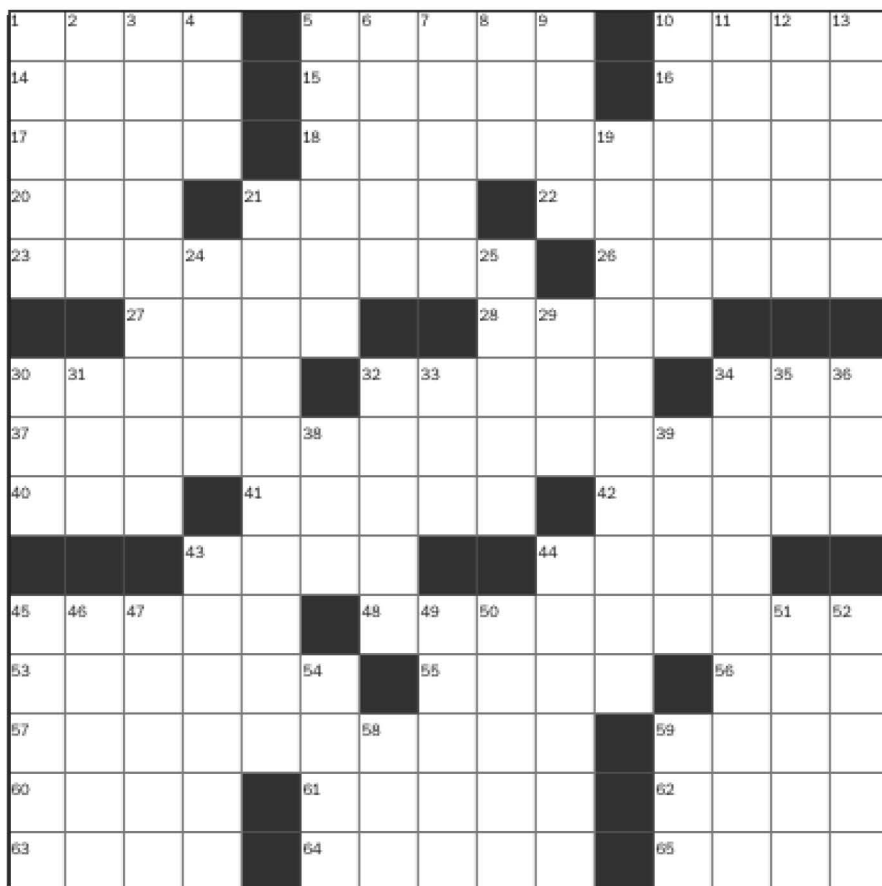
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ACROSS

1 Lamb bearers
5 Common Vegas hotel room amenities
10 Tea holders
14 Herod sent them to Bethlehem
15 Full of energy
16 __ Day: Bayer vitamin brand
17 Faction
18 Cook's reply to 37-Across?
20 Nightmarish street of film
21 Gimlet garnish
22 Dr. Reid in "Criminal Minds," familiarly
23 Librarian's reply to 37-Across?
26 Double Stuf treats
27 "That's __ to me"
28 "__ and the Real Girl": 2007 film
30 Operatic solos
32 Spook
34 Animal house
37 Insomniac's lament
40 Canadian singer DeMarco
41 Of help
42 Slugger Barry
43 Big fusses
44 Remnant
45 Buffalo NHL player
48 Trainer's reply to 37-Across?
53 Photographer Alda married to Alan
55 Prefix with pit or pool
56 Classic auto
57 Auditor's reply to 37-Across?
59 Flamboyant Dame
60 Word spoken con affetto
61 Arroz con __: chicken dish
62 Horseback rider's control
63 Globes
64 Cake raiser
65 Wilson of Heart et al.

DOWN

1 Arson evidence, perhaps
2 Pixar film robot who falls in love with 8-Down
3 Vanity case?
4 [Not my bad]
5 Misters, in old India
6 Texas tourist spot
7 The cops
8 Robot who falls in love with 2-Down
9 Old salts' haunts
10 Complexion aids
11 Ridiculous
12 Wafer maker
13 Sushi bar brews
19 Some exercise tops
21 Torts enrollee
24 Actor James or singer Jimmy
25 1971 Sutherland title role
29 Chilean year
30 Intent or intend
31 Nipper's label
32 Bank job
33 NHL's Thrashers
34 Meditation setting with rocks and gravel
35 Exhaustive ref.
36 Black __
38 Sporty '60s Pontiac
39 MGM mogul Marcus
43 Stadiums
44 Totalitarian leader
45 Vanzetti's partner
46 Like Times Square on New Year's Eve
47 Book jacket entry
49 Swift Northeast train
50 Ship stabilizers
51 Red Square honoree
52 34-Down teaching aids
54 Athlete's award
58 Row maker
59 Pitcher's stat



Crossword courtesy of The Washington Post

WEEKLY SUDOKU

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